The Pharmacy Council strictly adheres to the provisions of the Pharmacy Act, 1948 the Regulations made thereunder and the stipulated procedure for recognistion of the D. Pharma Course.

Funds to Karnataka for HIV/AIDS Control

2784. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested to sanction Rs. 20 crores to control HIV/AIDS through the National AIDS Control Organisation;

(b) if so, the amount sanctioned during 2002-03; and

(c) the amount proposed to be sanctioned during 2003-04 ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) In their action plans for the year 2002-03 and 2003-04, the Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society proposed budgetary outlays of Rs. 2852.52 lakhs and Rs. 3167.79 lakhs respectively. Against these proposals, National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO) approved the budgetary allocation of Rs.1099.22 lakhs for the year 2002-03 and Rs.1224.37 lakhs for the year 2003-04.

Alternative medical therapies

2785. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have banned Degrees/Diplomas on alternative medical therapies like Acupressure, Acupuncture, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of circulars and orders issued by Government ;

(c) whether such orders were issued on the basis of Court's Orders; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (d) There is no provision for banning or otherwise, a system of medicine which is not recognised. A Standing

committee of experts constituted by the Government examined various streams of alternative medicines including Acupressure, acupuncture etc. The Committee did not recommend recognition to any stream of Alternative Medicine except traditional systems of medicines *viz.*, Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, Yoga/Naturopathy and Homeopathy. The Government has since accepted the recommendations of the Committee.

Revival of Andrew Yule and Company

2786. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are disinvesting Andrew Yule, if so, whether the possibility of its revival has been examined;

(b) whether Government are considering restructuring of Andrew Yule, if so, the details and time frame for the same;

(c) whether employees of above company have not been receiving salaries and wages for substantial time;

(d) whether sale of Tide Water Oil Company (India) Limited and Hooghly Printing Company Limited by Andrew Yule is a part of restructuring scheme of Andrew Yule; and

(e) the steps taken by Government to arrest the losses in Andrew Yule for the last three/four years ?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE) : (a) and (b) A restructuring and revival plan of Andrew Yule and Company Limited, prior to its disinvestment, is yet to be finalized.

(c) The company has been defaulting in payment of salary and wages and in clearing its statutory dues due to its precarious financial condition.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The Government have been providing necessary budgetary support to Andrew Yule and Company Limited with the objective of improvement in productivity, quality and reduction in costs. Since 2000-01, Government have released a total of Rs. 44.25 crore to the company by way of budgetary support for manpower rationalization.